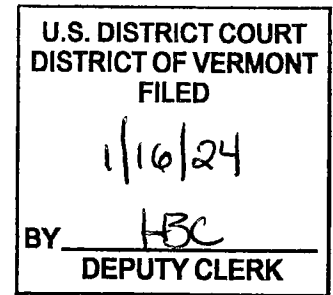


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
District of Vermont



United States of America

v.

Ruben Melendez

Defendant

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Case No. 2:24-mj-59

ORDER SETTING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

IT IS ORDERED that the defendant's release is subject to these conditions:

- (1) The defendant must not violate federal, state, or local law while on release.
- (2) The defendant must cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample if it is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 40702.
- (3) The defendant must advise the court or the pretrial services office or supervising officer in writing before making any change of residence or telephone number.
- (4) The defendant must appear in court as required and, if convicted, must surrender as directed to serve a sentence that the court may impose.

The defendant must appear at: 11 Elmwood Avenue, Burlington, Vermont 05401

Courtroom 410

Place

on: Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Date and Time

If blank, defendant will be notified of next appearance.

- (5) The defendant must sign an Appearance Bond, if ordered.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(c)(1)(B), the court may impose the following least restrictive condition(s) only as necessary to reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of any other person and the community.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant's release is subject to the conditions marked below:

- ☐ (6) The defendant is placed in the custody of:

Person or organization _____

Address (only if above is an organization) _____

City and State _____

Tel. No. _____

who agrees to (a) supervise the defendant, (b) use every effort to assure the defendant's appearance at all court proceedings, and (c) notify the court immediately if the defendant violates a condition of release or is no longer in the custodian's custody.

Signed _____

Custodian

Date

- ☒ (7) The defendant must

- ☒ (a) submit to supervision by and report for supervision to:

U.S. Probation Office
300 State Street, Room 130
Springfield, MA 01105

telephone number **413-785-6920**

, no later than **as directed**

- ☒ (b) continue or actively seek employment.

- ☐ (c) continue or start an education program.

- ☐ (d) surrender any passport to: U.S. District Court Clerk, District of Vermont

- ☒ (e) not obtain a passport or other international travel document.

- ☒ (f) abide by the following restrictions on personal association, residence, or travel: Travel is restricted to Massachusetts; to Vermont for Court appearances and attorney visits only. All other travel must be approved in advance by pretrial services.

Maintain a residence as approved by pretrial services.

- ☒ (g) avoid all contact, directly or indirectly, with any person who is or may be a victim or witness in the investigation or prosecution, including: government identified witnesses

- ☐ (h) get medical or psychiatric treatment: attend mental health treatment as directed by pretrial services

- ☐ (i) return to custody each _____ at _____ o'clock after being released at _____ o'clock for employment, schooling, or the following purposes: _____

- ☐ (j) maintain residence at a halfway house or community corrections center, as the pretrial services office or supervising officer considers necessary.

- ☒ (k) not possess a firearm, destructive device, or other weapon.

- ☒ (l) not use alcohol ☒ at all ☐ excessively.

- ☒ (m) not use or unlawfully possess a narcotic drug or other controlled substances defined in 21 U.S.C. § 802, unless prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner.

- ☒ (n) submit to testing for a prohibited substance if required by the pretrial services office or supervising officer. Testing may be used with random frequency and may include urine testing, the wearing of a sweat patch, a remote alcohol testing system, and/or any form of prohibited substance screening or testing. The defendant must not obstruct, attempt to obstruct, or tamper with the efficiency and accuracy of prohibited substance screening or testing.

- ☒ (o) participate in a program of inpatient or outpatient substance abuse therapy and counseling if directed by the pretrial services office or supervising officer.

- ☐ (p) participate in one of the following location restriction programs and comply with its requirements as directed.

- ☐ (i) **Curfew.** You are restricted to your residence every day ☐ from _____ or ☐ as directed by pretrial services office or supervising officer; or

- ☐ (ii) **Home Detention.** You are restricted to your residence at all times except for employment; education; religious services; medical, substance abuse, or mental health treatment; attorney visits; court appearances; court-ordered obligations; or other activities approved in advance by the pretrial services office or supervising officer; or

- ☐ (iii) **Home Incarceration.** You are restricted to 24-hour-a-day lock-down at your residence except for medical necessities and court appearances or other activities specifically approved by the court; or

- ☐ (iv) **Stand Alone Monitoring.** You have no residential curfew, home detention, or home incarceration restrictions. However, you must comply with the location or travel restrictions as imposed by the court.

Note: Stand Alone Monitoring should be used in conjunction with global positioning system (GPS) technology.

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- ☐ (q) submit to the following location monitoring technology and comply with its requirements as directed:
- ☐ (i) Location monitoring technology as directed by the pretrial services or supervising officer; or
 - ☐ (ii) Voice Recognition; or
 - ☐ (iii) Radio Frequency; or
 - ☐ (iv) GPS.
- ☐ (r) pay all or part of the cost of location monitoring based upon your ability to pay as determined by the pretrial services office or supervising officer.
- ☒ (s) report as soon as possible, to the pretrial services office or supervising officer, every contact with law enforcement personnel, including arrests, questioning, or traffic stops.
- ☒ (t) maintain contact with attorney.
- ☐ (u) once a treatment bed is available, the defendant shall report directly to the approved residential treatment program upon release. The defendant shall abide by program rules and regulations, execute all release forms, successfully complete the program, and follow all aftercare instructions and recommendations.
- ☐ (v) provide the probation officer with a complete and current inventory of the number of media storage devices and electronic devices capable of internet access used or possessed by the defendant.
- ☐ (w) not possess child pornography, as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8); or visual or text content involving minors, which has sexual, prurient, or violent interests as an inherent purpose.
- ☐ (x) not associate or have contact, directly or through a third party, with persons under the age of 18, except in the presence of a responsible adult who is aware of the nature of the defendant's background, and who has been approved in advance by the probation officer. Such prohibited conduct shall include the use of electronic communication, telephone, or written correspondence.
- ☐ (y) avoid and is prohibited from being in any areas or locations where children are likely to congregate, such as schools, daycare facilities, playgrounds, theme parks, and arcades unless prior approval has been obtained from the probation office.
- ☐ (z) allow, at the direction of the probation officer, the installation of monitoring hardware or software to monitor the defendant's use of computer systems, media storage devices and internet-capable devices and/or similar electronic devices under the defendant's control. Upon reasonable suspicion concerning a violation of a condition of pretrial release or unlawful conduct by the defendant, such items may be removed for the purpose of conducting a more thorough inspection.
- ☐ (aa) not use an internet capable device until an Internet Use Plan is developed and approved by the Probation Officer.
- ☐ (bb) _____
- ☐ (cc) _____
- ☐ (dd) _____
- ☐ (ee) _____

ADVISE OF PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS

TO THE DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS:

Violating any of the foregoing conditions of release may result in the immediate issuance of a warrant for your arrest, a revocation of your release, an order of detention, a forfeiture of any bond, and a prosecution for contempt of court and could result in imprisonment, a fine, or both.

While on release, if you commit a federal felony offense the punishment is an additional prison term of not more than ten years and for a federal misdemeanor offense the punishment is an additional prison term of not more than one year. This sentence will be consecutive (i.e., in addition to) to any other sentence you receive.

It is a crime punishable by up to ten years in prison, and a \$250,000 fine, or both, to: obstruct a criminal investigation; tamper with a witness, victim, or informant; retaliate or attempt to retaliate against a witness, victim, or informant; or intimidate or attempt to intimidate a witness, victim, juror, informant, or officer of the court. The penalties for tampering, retaliation, or intimidation are significantly more serious if they involve a killing or attempted killing.

If, after release, you knowingly fail to appear as the conditions of release require, or to surrender to serve a sentence, you may be prosecuted for failing to appear or surrender and additional punishment may be imposed. If you are convicted of:

- (1) an offense punishable by death, life imprisonment, or imprisonment for a term of fifteen years or more—you will be fined not more than \$250,000 or imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both;
- (2) an offense punishable by imprisonment for a term of five years or more, but less than fifteen years—you will be fined not more than \$250,000 or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both;
- (3) any other felony—you will be fined not more than \$250,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both;
- (4) a misdemeanor—you will be fined not more than \$100,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

A term of imprisonment imposed for failure to appear or surrender will be consecutive to any other sentence you receive. In addition, a failure to appear or surrender may result in the forfeiture of any bond posted.

Acknowledgment of the Defendant

I acknowledge that I am the defendant in this case and that I am aware of the conditions of release. I promise to obey all conditions of release, to appear as directed, and surrender to serve any sentence imposed. I am aware of the penalties and sanctions set forth above.

Ruben Melendez

Defendant's Signature

Feeding Hills, Massachusetts

City and State

Directions to the United States Marshal

- ☒ The defendant is ORDERED released after any necessary processing.
- ☐ The United States Marshal is ORDERED to keep the defendant in custody until notified by the clerk or judge that the defendant has posted bond and/or complied with all other conditions of release. If still in custody, the defendant must be produced before the appropriate judge at the time and place specified.

Date: 1/16/2024

Kevin J. Doyle

Judicial Officer's Signature

Kevin J. Doyle, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title